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The accomplishments and life of Martin Luther King Jr. are widely taught but not always understood in 2019. Beyond the well-known years King and his followers spent actively fighting racism, white supremacy, Jim Crow and the KKK, there are important lessons in King's teachings about economic injustice and fighting on behalf of the common worker's right to a fair wage and respect from their employers. With Monday's M.L.K. Day marking the 31st day of the federal shutdown, local city leaders like Mayor Jim Kenney stepped up in King's spirit to announce new economic steps to help ease the pain of federal workers living without work or working without pay for almost one full month now. Read more inside and on **MetroPhilly.us.**

32 DAYS PARTIAL GOVT SHUTDOWN

TRUMP TWEETS SUPPORT OF SCHILLING FOR HOF

1 The National Baseball Hall of Fame will announce its Class of 2019 on Tuesday, and President Donald J. Trump said he hopes that pitcher Curt Schilling's name will be on the list. Trump tweeted his support for the six-time All-Star and three-time World Series champion on Sunday. "Curt Schilling deserves to be in the Baseball Hall of Fame. Great record, especially when under pressure and when it mattered most. Do what everyone in Baseball knows is right!" the president wrote. Trump's backing won't have any influence on the voters, as the deadline for ballots for this year's class was Dec. 31. Schilling, 52, has been on the ballot since 2013. He received 52.3 percent of the vote from the Baseball Writers' Association of America in 2016 and 51.2 percent last year, falling short of the minimum 75 percent required for enshrinement in Cooperstown, New York. In 20 seasons, the right-hander racked up 216 wins with a 3.46 ERA and 3,116 strikeouts. He was runner-up for the National League Cy Young Award in 2001 and 2002 and runner-up for the American League Cy Young Award in 2004.

GISELE, BRAZIL'S FARM MINISTER IN AMAZON SPAT

2 A high-profile dispute between supermodel Gisele Bundchen and Brazil's agriculture minister over deforestation escalated this week, coming as activists worry about new President Jair Bolsonaro's environmental policies. The Brazilian model replied to criticism from Agriculture Minister Tereza Cristina Dias by arguing that despite the existence of preserved areas, deforestation in the Amazon rainforest is on the rise. The letter, seen by Reuters on Thursday, challenged Dias to show progress toward sustainability, saying, "I will be very happy to announce positive actions that are taken in this direction." Dias had criticized Bundchen on a radio program on Monday for "saying bad things about Brazil without knowledge of the facts," and calling the country a deforester. Dias said the model should instead be highlighting achievements in preservation. Bundchen, who is married to Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, responded on Twitter on Wednesday but did not name Dias or the Agriculture Ministry. She has been involved in environmental causes since 2006.

PRESIDENT TRUMP VISITS MLK MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON, DC

3 President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence visit the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on Monday in Washington, D.C. They placed a wreath to commemorate the slain civil rights leader.

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GIULIANI BACKTRACKS ON TRUMP–MOSCOW TALK

4 President Donald Trump's lawyer Rudy Giuliani backtracked on Monday from earlier comments that Trump pursued a business deal to erect a tower bearing his name in Moscow throughout 2016, saying his statements "were hypothetical and not based on conversations I had with the president." Giuliani told NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday that Trump may have continued to pursue the project and had discussions about it with his former personal attorney, Michael Cohen, until as late as October or November 2016, when Trump was closing in on his election victory over Democrat Hillary Clinton. Giuliani went a step further with the New York Times, where he quoted Trump saying the Trump Tower Moscow discussions were "going on from the day I announced to the day I won." The Moscow deal ultimately did not materialize, but Giuliani's remarks suggest that Trump's discussions about the project with Cohen may have dragged on until the election, raising new questions for congressional investigators looking into possible ties between the president and Russia.

MURDERS IN MEXICO RISE IN 2018 TO NEW RECORD

5 Murders in Mexico rose by 33 percent in 2018, breaking the record for a second year running, official data showed, underlining the task facing the new president who has pledged to reduce violence in the cartel-ravaged country. Investigators opened 33,341 murder probes compared with the previous year's record of 25,036, according to information from the Interior Ministry published on Sunday. Mexico has struggled with years of violence as the government has battled brutal drug cartels, often by taking out their leaders. That has resulted in fragmentation of gangs and increasingly vicious internecine fighting. The complexity of fighting criminal groups is a major test for President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who assumed office in December, vowing to try a different approach to his predecessor. Of Mexico's 32 regions, the central state of Guanajuato registered the highest number of murder probes opened in 2018, at 3,290, more than three times as many murder probes as the 1,084 investigations opened in 2017.

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U.S. Sen. Bob Casey participates in the MLK Day of Service at Girard College on Monday.

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MLK honored in Philly despite shutdown, severe chill

A reminder of the civil rights leader's inspiring legacy of service comes at a time when many feel increasingly hopeless.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2019 will go down as a day to remember for all who participated in it in Philadelphia.

The ongoing federal shutdown — in its 31st day on Monday as House Democrats and President Trump remained in a stalemate over border wall funding — stripped away some elements of the holiday. Federal locations typically used for events honoring King, like the Liberty Bell in Independence Park, were unavailable due to a lack of staff.

And while M.L.K. Day often falls on a cold day of the year, 2019's was unusually arctic. Last year's M.L.K. Day was in the 30s; this year, it felt like 10 degrees below zero, due to a combination of already-frigid temperatures and a powerful, gusting wind-chill factor.

The weather also led to widespread delays on roads and modes of public transit, making travel to the region harder for the estimated 130,000 volunteers who came to Philadelphia to participate in some 1,800 service projects around the region.

But nonetheless, come they did, joined in a spirit of honoring the legacy of America's greatest civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968) — and all the adversity posed by both the natural and political climates made the holiday that much more meaningful. Five thousand volunteers arrived at Girard College alone for its annual Day of Service event, one of the biggest in the city, where volunteers created birthday bags from donated books, among other service projects.

As the Day of Service was underway, local leaders and private philanthropists cited King's legacy as inspiring new steps to help some of the federal workers who are going unpaid due to the federal shutdown.

City Councilwoman Cherelle L. Parker decided to help federal workers in honor of M.L.K. Day. She partnered with Kitchen of Love Food Pantry in North Philly and helped give away free bags of fresh vegetables, fruit and meat to furloughed federal workers on Monday morning.

"Martin Luther King Jr. understood that the civil rights movement and the drive for workers' rights are forever intertwined."
Mayor Kenney

Also on M.L.K. Day, Mayor Kenney pledged to help furloughed federal workers with city bills, directing city agencies to offer flexibility and negotiations over due dates to anyone who was working without a paycheck.

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workers' rights are forever intertwined," Mayor Kenney said in an announcement of his plan to offer aid to the roughly 12,000 federal workers in Philadelphia, out of 800,000 nationwide. "On this day honoring his legacy, I pledge that the city will do its best to ensure that these workers don't have to worry about matters like paying their water or gas bills while they are going without a paycheck."

The city is directing any furloughed workers, as of Jan. 21, to reach out to the city's Department of Revenue, Water Department, and Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW) "if they need additional flexibility in paying their bills," the city said.

PGW offers assistance programs including payment arrangements, budget billing, and payment assistance through the CARES program.

"If you reach out to us, we can delay enforcement actions, including water shutoff and foreclosure," Revenue Commissioner Frank Breslin said in announcing the plan. "We can also waive interest, penalties and any other charges that accrue once we receive payment when the shutdown ends. These workers need every break as the shutdown drags on, and we're committed to doing what we can."

Contacts for furloughed or unpaid federal workers

Water & sewer bills: wrbhelpdesk@phila.gov or 215-685-6300

Gas bills: @MyPGW on Twitter; 215-235-1000 or find your nearest PGW customer center at pgworks.com/residential/contact-us/our-locations

Real estate tax: revenue@phila.gov or 215-686-6442

All other city taxes: revenue@phila.gov or 215-686-6400

The Hebrew Free Loan Society of Greater Philadelphia is offering interest-free, no-cost loans of up to $1,250 to furloughed federal employees or workers who are working without pay and do not earn more than $65,000 a year, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

Funded by an anonymous $500,000 donation to the nonprofit, the Federal Worker Emergency Relief Loan Program was announced Friday, and extended on M.L.K. Day through Jan. 22, or whenever they run out of funds to loan.

Applications can be submitted at the National Constitution Center at 525 Arch St. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22. For more information or to find the application form, visit hflphilly.org.

Also, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry will be holding an "in-person resource fair" on Jan. 22 at the United Way offices in Philadelphia at 1709 Benjamin Franklin Parkway for furloughed workers. They will offer assistance referring furloughed workers to unemployment offices, food banks and other career and financial services. (For more information, see the department's Rapid Response Information Guide at dli.pa.gov.) United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey, 1709 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, 12:30-4 p.m.

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A TSA agent waits for passengers to use the TSA PreCheck lane. ALL GETTY IMAGES

US air safety agents' absences hit record level due to shutdown

Unscheduled absences among U.S. airport security officers rose to a record 10 percent in the fifth week of the shutdown.

The U.S. Transportation Security Administration, where employees are going unpaid amid a partial government shutdown, said on Monday that unscheduled absences among U.S. airport security officers rose to a record 10 percent on Sunday as the shutdown reached its 31st day.

The agency said the rate was up from the previous high of 7 percent on Saturday. It also was more than three times the 3.1 percent absence rate on the same day last year, when the government also was partially closed due to legislative funding issues.

As the partial government shutdown continues, air safety has become a top concern as the number of TSA agents not showing up for work grows.

The agency said many employees, who are not being paid because of the shutdown, are not reporting to work because of financial hardships.

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Nearly all 1.78 million passengers screened Sunday faced normal security waits of 30 minutes or less, despite the absences, TSA said.

More than 50,000 TSA officers are among some 800,000 federal workers who have been ordered to stay home or work without pay during the shutdown.

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Some airports experienced longer wait times at security checkpoints, and on Sunday, Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport closed one of its checkpoints because of excessive absences.

About one-quarter of the U.S. government has been shuttered since Dec. 22 over Trump's demand for $5.7 billion to fund a wall along the border with Mexico, which Democrats have refused to consider.

The promise of a border wall was a mainstay of Trump's 2016 presidential election campaign. As a candidate, he said Mexico would pay for the barrier, but the Mexican government has refused.

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Orleans Technical College is a post-secondary, nonprofit career school run by JEVS Human Services. For the past 45 years, they've been serving the community with a diverse set of trades training programs—and preparing students for fulfilling new careers. Ready to embark on the next chapter of your professional life? Here's a sneak peek into everything Orleans Technical College has to offer.

What types of trade programs does Orleans Technical College specialize in?
We offer five unique trades training programs:

- Air conditioning, refrigeration and heating
- Building maintenance
- Carpentry
- Plumbing and heating
- Residential and commercial electricity

Each program really unpacks the ins and outs of that unique career path. Our students get their hands dirty. They're working with the equipment, learning the tools, building, designing, creating, repairing—in other words, it's truly a learn-to-earn environment. You're engaged in an active, hands-on curriculum that mirrors what it's like to really be out there working in the field.

Orleans Tech also just renewed their five-year reaccreditation with the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC), and was also recognized as a 2017-2018 "School of Distinction."

How much does real-world work influence the trades training programs?
We actually meet with employers twice a year to get their insider feedback and insights, which help guide what we're doing in the classroom. For example, they may suggest that we implement a specific type of certification or curriculum offering, or purchase a new piece of equipment that students would benefit from learning. Our programs are relevant and guided by real-world standards. At the end of the day, we're preparing people for work and instilling a strong sense of confidence before they ever get on the job. When you get in front of an employer, we want you to be able to say that you know your stuff and are going to be a great employee.

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How are the programs structured?
Orleans Technical College offers day classes that let students complete their

program in six months. For those who can't go during the day because they work full time or have family obligations, our evening courses are a great option. They run in 13-month stretches and the pace is a little slower. [Which programs are kicking off soon that we can plug here?]

What's the criteria for getting accepted into Orleans Technical College:
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How do I learn more?
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Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) listens during a Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Gov. Affairs hearing. GETTY IMAGES

Sen. Kamala Harris jumps into 2020 White House race

The former California state attorney general officially announced her presidential bid.

First-term Sen. Kamala Harris of California, a rising party star and outspoken critic of President Donald Trump's immigration policies, launched her 2020 campaign for the White House on Monday by touting her prior career as a prosecutor.

Harris, 54, the daughter of immigrants from Jamaica and India, enters the race with the potential advantage of being the Democratic candidate who looks most like the party's increasingly diverse base of young, female and minority voters.

"I have the unique experience of having been a leader in local government, state government and federal government," she said in an appearance on ABC's "Good Morning America."

She timed her announcement for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday honoring the slain civil rights leader, saying he was an aspirational leader.

"We are the best of who we are when we fight to achieve these ideals," she said on ABC. "We are flawed, we are not perfect, but we are a great country when we think about the principles upon which we're founded."

The former California state attorney general has become popular with liberal activists for her tough questioning of Trump administration appointees and officials, including Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh and former Attorney General Jeff Sessions, during Senate hearings.

Her campaign will focus on reducing the high cost of living with a middle-class tax credit, pursuing immigration and criminal justice changes and a Medicare-for-all health care system. She has said she will reject corporate political action committee money.

Harris' campaign will be based in Baltimore, with a second office in Oakland. Her slogan will be "For the People," in a nod to Harris' roots as a prosecutor, aides said.

She will hold a launch rally in Oakland before the end of the month.

As one of the earliest congressional critics of President Donald Trump's immigration policies, Harris has pushed hard for a deal to protect from deportation those immigrants who came to the country illegally as children, a group known as Dreamers.

Harris is the fifth Democrat to enter what is shaping up to be a crowded battle for the nomination to challenge Trump, the likely Republican candidate.

She and other Democrats will have to navigate the party's debate about whether an establishment figure who can appeal to centrist voters or a fresh face who can energize its increasingly diverse and progressive base offers the best chance to beat Trump in 2020.

Harris, who made history in 2016 as the first black woman elected to the U.S. Senate from California, has embraced the party's diversity ahead of a Democratic nominating campaign where minority voters and liberal activists are expected to have an outsized voice.

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Harris has pushed back against critics of "identity politics," who she says are using the term as a pejorative to marginalize issues of race, gender and sexual orientation.

"It is used to try and shut us up," Harris told a conference of liberal activists last summer.

The former San Francisco prosecutor drew notice when her rapid-fire grilling of Sessions during a 2017 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing caused him to complain.

"It makes me nervous," Sessions said.

In September, she was among a handful of Democrats who aggressively questioned Kavanaugh at his Supreme Court confirmation hearing about his views on abortion and on the special counsel probe into potential Russian meddling in the 2016 election. REUTERS

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Jeff Bezos' costliest mistakes: A brief history

From Pets.com to Amazon, a look at the highs and lows of Bezos' financial track record.

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When Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos and his wife, MacKenzie, announced they were divorcing after 25 years of marriage, the common reaction was a gasped, "What about the stock?"

Any divorce settlement will likely halve Bezos' $137 billion fortune, much of it in Amazon shares, knocking him from his perch atop the World's Richest Men list while vaulting MacKenzie Bezos to No. 1 among women.

Although there is no indication so far that the divorce will be anything but amicable — MacKenzie may even end up with new clout at Amazon, but is not expected to challenge Bezos' ownership — it is undoubtedly Bezos' most money-losing decision. And he's made many of them at the helm of Amazon — ill-fated products, launches or hunches that turned into expensive boondoggles that may have had some investors searching for the exits.

Here are some of the most infamous.

1. Fire Phone: $170 million

Intended to be Amazon's answer to the iPhone, which would increase Amazon customer loyalty, the Fire was Bezos' biggest product failure. It launched with a price of $199, a two-year contract and the sound of crickets. The price was eventually slashed to 99 cents. When the original stock ran out in 2015, the phone died a quiet death, and Amazon wrote off $170 million in losses.

2. Amazon Prime shipping: $558 million in one quarter

In 2011, Amazon's stock lost $16 billion in value in one day, and Bezos personally lost more than $4 billion. Neither the economy nor a negative Trump tweet were to blame.

It came on the heels of a report that the company's net income had nose-dived 73 percent year-over-year. A Bloomberg story illuminated why: Tons of people were signing up for Amazon Prime, which offered unlimited two-day shipping for $79 annually, and it was costing Amazon a bundle.

One analyst noted that Amazon's shipping fees generated $360 million in the third quarter, obliterated by $918 million in shipping expenses. Experts say Amazon has continued to lose money on its retail business up to present day, just not at those numbers.

3. Junglee: $170 million

The earliest days of Amazon brought about one of its biggest missteps. Junglee was the first comparison-shopping site on the web, and Bezos acquired it in 1998 for $170 million in Amazon stock.

Jeff and MacKenzie Bezos. GETTY IMAGES

It became the "Shop the Web" feature on Amazon.com, allowing you to see what items cost on other sites. But when Amazon execs realized that they were sending users away from Amazon and to the competition, Shop the Web vanished within months. "A total tissue rejection," is how Junglee's COO described it.

4. LivingSocial: $231 million

Daily deals were an online craze for about a hot minute; business-wise, the category never paid off (or even paid for itself), but many CEOs didn't know when to let go. Bezos was one of them.

Amazon invested $175 million in the daily deals site LivingSocial in 2010. Two years later, it wrote down the entire investment. For some reason, Bezos went back for more, investing $56 million in 2013, then writing down that entire amount the next year. In 2011, Bezos had launched Amazon Local, its own daily deals platform; it expired in 2015.

5. Kozmo.com: $60 million

By the year 2000, Bezos had reportedly become fixated on shipping speed, seeing it as a potential competitive advantage. His first run at Amazon Prime came with Amazon's eight-figure investment in Kozmo, a delivery service that brought food, DVDs, books, office supplies and Starbucks to customers' doors within one hour — for free! The business model proved untenable, and Kozmo folded in 2001, losing Amazon $60 million in one year.

"I've made billions of dollars of failures at Amazon.com. Literally, billions of dollars in failures."
Jeff Bezos

6. Pets.com: $50 million

One of the early internet's most notorious failures, the business that gave us an excuse to look at a cute sock puppet died in 2002.

Three years earlier, Bezos had bought a 50 percent ownership stake and contributed to a $50 million round of financing. "I've made billions of dollars of failures at Amazon.com," said Bezos in 2014. "Literally, billions of dollars in failures. You might remember Pets.com or Kozmo.com. It was like getting a root canal with no anesthesia. None of those things are fun. But they also don't matter."

7. Another marriage?

Simultaneous with the Bezos' divorce announcement came reports that Jeff had begun dating former TV anchor-turned-helicopter pilot Lauren Sanchez. Immediately, gossip columns tastefully began speculating on the potential price of a second marriage. On Jan. 16, Page Six interviewed a "longtime pal" of Sanchez, reporting that she said: "Jeff Bezos is seriously stupid if he's thinking of marrying her. He's already seriously stupid for giving up half his fortune for her." It looks like Bezos-related tabloid drama is one of 2019's hottest growth stocks, although it's unclear if Amazon investors will be pleased.

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Student denies mocking Native American activist

The viral video sparked outrage and condemnation by Kentucky's Covington Catholic High School.

A white high school student seen with classmates appearing to confront a Native American Vietnam veteran near the Lincoln Memorial issued a statement on Sunday that video of the incident that went viral gives the false impression that the teens were instigators.

Nick Sandmann, a student from the private, all-male Covington Catholic High School in northern Kentucky, is seen in the video standing face-to-face with the Native American activist, Nathan Phillips, staring at him with a smile, while Phillips sings and plays a drum.

The footage, shared online by organizers of an indigenous people's march that took place in Washington on Friday before the incident, shows a group of fellow Covington students surrounding Phillips and apparently mocking him.

Phillips recounted in a separate video that he heard the students chanting "Build that wall" during the encounter.

The students, many wearing baseball caps emblazoned with President Donald Trump's "Make America Great Again" slogan, were in the nation's capital the same day for an anti-abortion rally.

The footage sparked outrage on social media and led the high school to issue a statement condemning the students' actions and promising an investigation.

But Sandmann, whose statement was tweeted by CNN anchor Jake Tapper late on Sunday, insisted the video was misinterpreted, leading to "outright lies being spread about my family and me."

He denied acting with any disrespect toward Phillips.

According to Sandmann, his group was waiting on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial for their bus back to Kentucky when four African-American protesters nearby began shouting racially charged insults at them.

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their teacher chaperones, the students responded by shouting "school spirit" chants to "drown out the hateful comments" directed at them.

In the midst of this interaction, Sandmann said, he noticed that a Native American protester — since identified as Phillips — "began playing his drum as he waded into the crowd, which parted for him."

"He locked eyes with me and approached me, coming within inches of my face. He played his drum the entire time he was in my face," Sandmann recalled.

"I never interacted with this protester. I did not speak to him. I did not make any hand gestures or other aggressive moves," Sandmann wrote, adding that he was "startled and confused" as to why Phillips approached him.

Sandmann said he reasoned that by remaining "motionless and calm" he hoped to defuse the situation.

His account was reinforced, at least in part, by a New York Times report on Sunday quoting Phillips, 64, as acknowledging he had approached the crowd of students in a bid to ease racial tensions that had flared between the mostly white teens and the African-American protesters.

"I stepped in between to pray," said Phillips, an elder of Nebraska's Omaha tribe and a well-known activist who was among those leading the Standing Rock protests in 2016-2017 against construction of an oil pipeline in North Dakota.

Phillips could not be reached by Reuters for comment over the weekend. REUTERS

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Thanks for your time!
— **Alma**, *Metro Philly reader*

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TREATING YOURSELF

Everyone is deep into their New Year's resolution diets, myself included, but the other night I had no choice but to break it. I had been good all week — eating flavorless foods with the texture of particle board — so I decided to go to the store for supplies to make myself the best burger I possibly could. While it was definitely decadent, it felt like I was doing something good for myself by cooking it with my own two hands. I'll just keep telling myself that!

— **Casey**, *Metro US reader*

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Aries Follow your heart and do what makes you feel good about who you are and what you have to offer. Refuse to let anyone put demands on you or interfere in your plans.

Taurus Protect personal information. Work at your own speed and focus on what you do best. Second-guessing your ability will put you in a vulnerable position. Don't limit what you can do.

Gemini Focus on home, family and important relationships. Protect yourself against those who are trying to interfere in your personal life. Think before you make a change that is likely to give someone else the upper hand.

Cancer Look at every angle and consider what's in your best interest. A partnership should be carefully considered. Joint ventures are likely to take a sudden turn.

Leo Have some fun, make personal changes and express your true feelings. If you make way for new beginnings, you'll get a chance to use your skills and talents creatively.

Virgo Put a limit on your spending and stay focused on what's important to you. Personal change may not be wanted, but it will turn out to be beneficial.

Libra Updating your look or sharing something special with a loved one will help you gain perspective and encourage you to walk away from disruptive influences.

Scorpio Taking a business trip, engaging in talks or dealing with matters that are causing you grief will put your mind at ease. Change will come at a price. Weigh the pros and cons.

Sagittarius Personal gain should be your focus. Physical fitness, better health and financial stability should be your goals. A romantic gesture will improve your life.

Capricorn Accept the inevitable and keep moving forward. Arguing won't help you get what you want; it will only slow the process. Trust in yourself, not an outsider.

Aquarius Consider your talents and skills and how best to apply them to the current market. A partnership will turn out to be advantageous. Positive change is heading your way.

Pisces Live and learn. Experience is a great teacher, and by participating in events you'll discover your skills and attributes. Trust in yourself, not in someone who is being manipulative. EUGENIA LAST

LIFESTYLE

Conan O'Brien's talk show returns with a whole new look

The late-night show is back with a brand-new format. GETTY IMAGES

The revamped series' first guest will be none other than Tom Hanks.

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After going off the air for several months, comedian and talk show host Conan O'Brien's titular "Conan" program returns to TBS this week. The longest-serving late-night talk show host in American TV history, O'Brien's hiatus allowed him and his Team Coco to produce another "Conan Without Borders" special, a podcast and many other comedy goodies. Now that "Conan" is back, however, it's time for the host to introduce the program's brand-new look and format.

Conan O'Brien returns to late night

O'Brien brought the previous version of his self-titled talk show to a close in early October 2018, when former show writer-turned-guest Deon Cole appeared on the program to wish everyone at Team Coco the best. Following the recent premieres and cancellations of several other late-night shows and the popularity of other series' virality-focused, shorter formats, O'Brien and company decided to take a break so that they could retool "Conan" and adjust to these trends.

On Tuesday, Jan. 22, that's exactly what audiences at home are going to see when "Conan" returns for its ninth season at TBS. The new version will last only half an hour, like cable competitors "The Daily Show," "Full Frontal" and "Last Week Tonight." Aside from cutting into the traditional hourlong format, however, the new "Conan" will also boast a brand-new stage, no house band and a greater emphasis on stand-up comedy, sketches and bits.

Who's on Conan O'Brien's show this week?

To kick things off, O'Brien's longtime friend and frequent guest Tom Hanks will appear on Tuesday's program. Wednesday will see O'Brien hanging out with the cast of NBC's "The Good Place" (Kristen Bell, William Jackson Harper, Jameela Jamil, D'Arcy Carden and Manny Jacinto), while Thursday's episode will feature former "Saturday Night Live" player-turned-"Barry" actor Bill Hader.

Following the premiere week's truncated schedule due to Monday's Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, its second week on air will present viewers with the first full week of uninterrupted new episodes of "Conan" from Monday to Thursday night. Guests will include comedians Tig Notaro, Pete Holmes and Gary Gulman, actress Gina Rodriguez and actor Matt LeBlanc.

"Conan" premieres tonight at 11 p.m. on TBS.

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The cold never bothered me anyway

Chestnut Hill on Ice will be held Feb. 1-2.

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The winter season is known for its cold temperatures, windchills and snowstorms — not a lot of room for fun in that weather forecast. But Chestnut Hill believes that all Philadelphians can have fun in the winter despite the ice and chill, and so will be hosting its Chestnut Hill on Ice (formerly Valentine's on Ice) extravaganza to prove just how enjoyable the winter months truly can be.

The two-day event along Germantown Avenue will be the center of many ice-themed activities including a pop-up ice skating rink, live ice carving, an ice bar and more.

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One of the sculptures from last year's event.

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There will also be live ice carving and beautiful ice sculptures to set the already-picturesque winter scene. The live ice carving demonstrations will take place at designated locations throughout the two-day period.

Guests can also spend time at the Yurt Village located at the Laurel Hill Gardens, where they can get a taste of "glamping." The village, filled with tents outfitted with chic furnishings styled by Tailored Home, HOST and Tallulah & Bird, will host an eight-foot-tall "ice bonfire" on the first night of the event.

Chestnut Hill on Ice will feature an ice bar (located at the Fareway) as well. Their normal outdoor beer garden will become an outdoor ice bar — carved entirely out of blocks of ice — for this fun-filled extravaganza, and will feature wine and ice-cold, locally-brewed beers. Guests can also escape the cold with the event's warming stations featured at

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Throughout the event, be sure to check out the "I Love Chestnut Hill" Photo Spots in front of two giant red hearts on Germantown Avenue and use the designated hashtag #ILoveChestnutHill (using a red heart emoji instead of the word "Love") for a chance to win a Chestnut Hill getaway with an overnight hotel stay, a Chestnut Hill gift card to be used at participating restaurants or retailers and a Chestnut Hill swag bag.

The Yurt Village will host an "ice bonfire."

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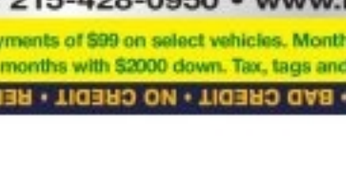

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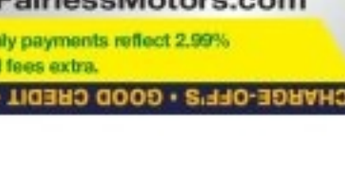

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Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Brandon Graham (No. 55). GETTY IMAGES

Eagles must make tough decisions on both lines

Philly will have to decide if they want to keep Brandon Graham or address the position in the draft.

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The Eagles quickly addressed the quarterback quandary last Tuesday, when Executive Vice President of Football Operations Howie Roseman and coach Doug Pederson declared that Carson Wentz would be the starting quarterback for 2019 season and the team will likely move on from Nick Foles.

"Carson is the quarterback going forward," Pederson responded to the first question of the joint press conference.

OK, so now that we have settled the most pressing priority in the offseason, it's time to address the next: the offensive and defensive lines, which could see the most turnover since Pederson became coach.

The front office must determine who is going to protect its franchise quarterback and who is going to attack the opposing team's signal caller.

The offensive line has the most question marks, starting with left tackle Jason Peters. Signed through next year at a cap hit of $10.6 million, according to Spotrac.com, he turns 37 next week, has missed huge chunks of snaps due to injuries despite playing in every game, and his production has been in decline.

The Eagles are only on the hook for his $2.6 million signing bonus. They could hope he remains durable for one more season or cut him and save $8 million to use elsewhere.

In addition to Peters, the futures of center Jason Kelce and guard Brandon Brooks, who were both named to the Pro Bowl for the second straight year, are uncertain. Kelce, 31, is reportedly contemplating retirement, while Brooks tore his Achilles against the Saints in the playoffs and is out for at least six to eight months.

The team is anchored at right tackle with Lane Johnson and has solid depth at guard and tackle with veterans Halapoulivaati Vaitai, Isaac Seumalo and Stefen Wisniewski, as well as rookies Matt Pryor and Jordan Mailata.

"Howie has alluded to the fact that we would love to have them all back," Pederson said. "The more guys obviously up front that you can keep together in the future is great for your quarterback, great for your running game, and just great for your offense in general."

On the defensive line, the Eagles have three pending free agents in defensive ends Brandon Graham and Chris Long and tackle Haloti Ngata.

While the 34-year-old Ngata is not expected to return, the Eagles have a tough decision to make on Graham, who is 31, still playing at a high level and due for a big payday. The same can be said about Long, who is a reliable but affordable third-down pass rusher.

With DEs Michael Bennett, who was second on the team in sacks with nine, and Derek Barnett slated to return from a season-ending injury, the team could absorb Graham's loss and target depth at the position in the draft, which is rated highly at the position, or in free agency.

Another player to keep an eye on is tackle Tim Jernigan, who missed most of the season after undergoing surgery last May for a herniated disc. The Eagles restructured his deal last spring and converted Jernigan's guaranteed $11 million 2019 salary and $13 million cap hit into non-guaranteed money. This offseason, they could cut Jernigan loose and recoup a ton of dough.

Overall, Roseman said teams usually have a 15-20 percent roster turnover each year. It could be even higher for the guys in the trenches.

"We know we have a lot of work to do this offseason," he said. "We know we have to improve the roster. We're looking forward to that challenge and we're going to get to work on it right away."

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Sunday's conference championship games were both overtime thrillers. The four best teams (sorry, Eagles fans) were led by brilliant quarterbacks. The coaches were creative and the defenses, intense. It was compelling TV.

The post-game online chatter and Monday morning office banter should have focused on the upcoming Super Bowl. Can Tom Brady and Bill Belichick win one more? Are Jared Goff and Sean McVay ready to steal the title?

But, of course, that wasn't the talk.

Instead, the watercooler conversation centered on how both games were impacted by egregious officiating. (Hey, Eagles fans are still smarting over that "non-fumble" debacle of a call in Dallas six weeks ago. Imagine waking up as a Saints fan.)

The NFL bureaucrats on Park Avenue steadfastly deny it, but the simple truth is that our favorite sport has an officiating crisis. You witnessed it at its worst on Sunday, when the refs ignored a blatant pass interference (and helmet-to-helmet) call deep in Rams territory with 1:45 left in regulation. You saw it when an invisible "roughing the passer" call against the Chiefs kept alive a Patriots scoring drive.

If you watched both games for seven-plus hours, you saw phantom penalties; flags tossed and then picked up by insecure officials; garbled, inane explanations; and coaches fuming over obvious miscalls they were not permitted to challenge.

As marvelously as the players performed, the narrative was stolen by zebras wandering around looking dazed and confused. As a viewer, you couldn't watch a single play without your eyes sneaking up to the top right corner of your TV, waiting for that yellow graphic, indicating a penalty was forthcoming.

Each network now employs a former NFL ref to explain to viewers what the hell is actually going on in these cases. With the festival of flags, I felt at a certain point CBS should have just let Gene Steratore call the game, and go to Jim Nantz for occasional check-ins.

You don't need me to recite every blunder from Sunday; frankly, this column isn't long enough to cover them. And you can argue that coaches, particularly the Saints' Sean Payton, had the opportunity to overcome the ref's mistakes.

But that's not the point. The issue is that a gripping day of America's game at its finest should be cause for celebration. Instead, we're staring at its shortcomings. When fans and broadcasters and anyone with a TV monitor knows the refs botched one, it erodes the NFL's credibility.

Back judge Todd Prukop witnessed the mugging of Saints receiver Tommylee Lewis and decided it wasn't pass interference. Prokop's name deserves to go down in history with baseball's Don Denkinger and hockey's Leon Stickle as refs who choked during a huge moment.

So what should the NFL do? The dilemma here is that what might help the standing of the game would also hurt its entertainment value. No fan enjoys the long replay breaks, and no one wants to further legislate the game.

But the obvious solution is to allow booth replay of judgment calls — pass interference, roughing the quarterback and the like. Those penalties (or missed penalties) often change the outcome of games, as they did Sunday. In this case, getting it right is more important than getting it fast.

That's just one solution for one aspect of a larger predicament. And I suspect the league will dispute there's a problem at all. Huge ratings for next month's Super Bowl will allow Commissioner Roger Goodell to stay in denial.

But players and coaches deserve better. And fans need to trust they're not watching pro wrestling. The NFL may not realize it was humiliated by what went down on Sunday, but it was.

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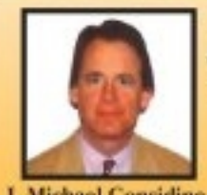

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59 __-cotta; patio pot clay
60 Kiln
61 Forest animals
62 Looks for
63 Marries

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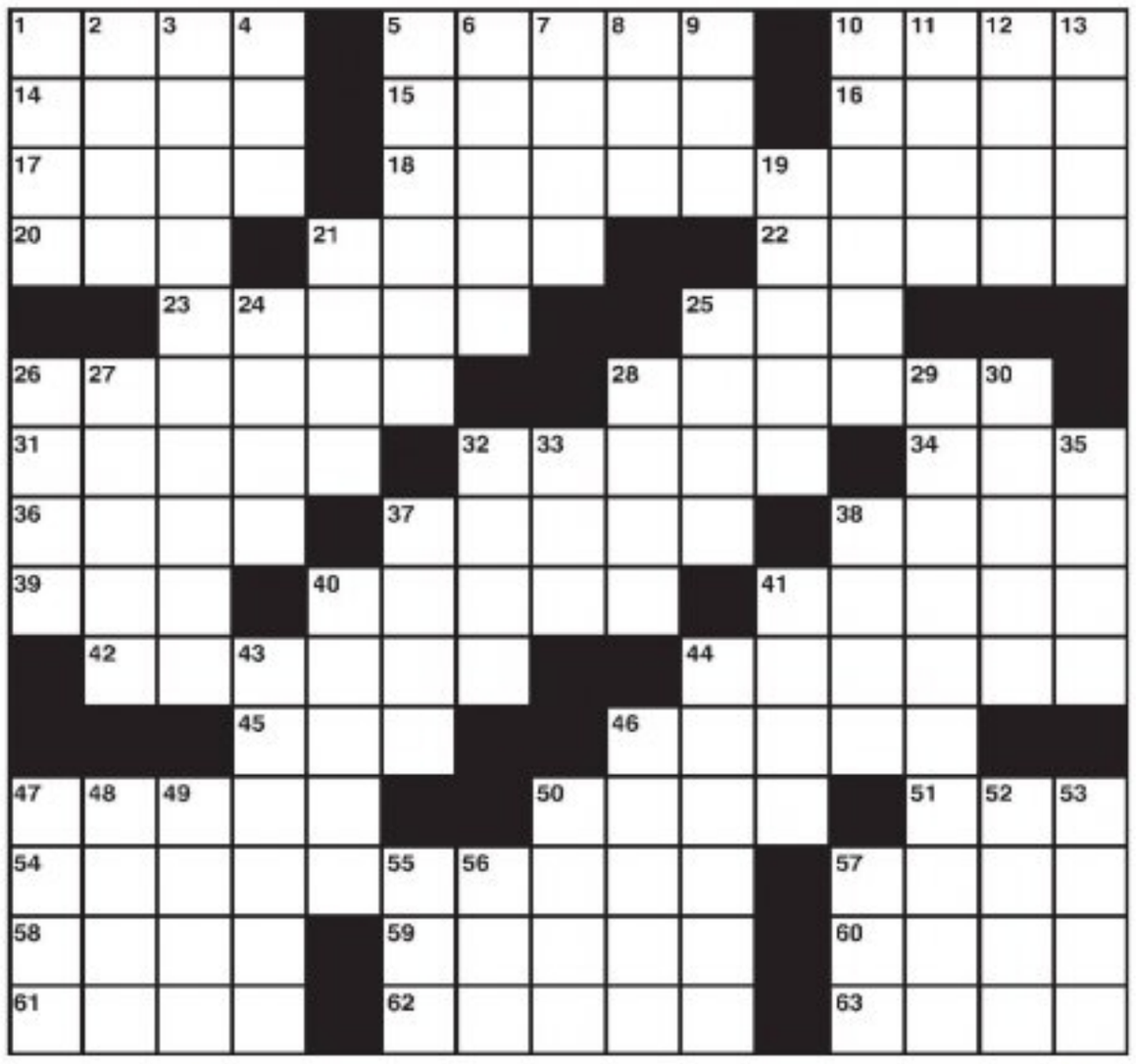
1 Invitation letters
2 Gorillas & gibbons
3 Punch or Judy, e.g.
4 Be nosy
5 Soap opera
6 Spick-and-span
7 __ up; shreds
8 Feasted
9 Guys
10 __ out; eliminated gradually
11 Skater's oval
12 "__ upon a time..."
13 One-dish meal
19 Jeer at
21 Exhausted
24 Pieces of china
25 "I Am...I __"; Neil Diamond song
26 One of the Three Bears
27 Alter to make fit
28 Untainted
29 Pushy
30 Irritable; cranky
32 Isn't __ of; dislikes
33 Cleaning cloth
35 __ hall; army dining room
37 Coffin platform
38 Lubricates
40 Begin
41 Thrilled
43 Pitcher parts
44 Sports buildings
46 Actor Gable
47 Up to the task
48 Become dizzy
49 Unpleasantly moist
50 Forest danger
52 Coated with frosting
53 Pieces of cookware
55 "__ a Long Way to Tipperary"
56 Bee's follower
57 Argument



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